

December 14, 2009

Marlene Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554



Re: *Ex Parte* Notice
GN Docket No. 09-51 (National Broadband Plan)
GN Docket No.09-191 (Open Internet)
WC Docket No. 07-52 (Broadband Industry Practices)

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On December 12, 2009, the Participants listed below, in three separate meetings, met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and Rick Kaplan, Legal Advisor for Commissioner Clyburn for Media and Chief of External Affairs; Commissioner Michael J. Copps, Jennifer Schneider, Broadband, Wireline and Universal Service Legal Advisor for Commissioner Copps and Joshua Cinelli, Media Advisor for Commissioner Copps; and Priya Aiyar, Legal Advisor for Chairman Julius Genachowski for Wireline Competition and International Issues and Zachary Katz, Deputy Chief, Office of Strategic Planning and Policy Analysis.

The Participants attending these meetings were: Nick Szeburla and Mark Kidd of Thousand Kites; Steven Renderos and Duke Schempp of Main Street Project; Andrea Quijada and Roberto Rael of Media Literacy Project; Todd Wolfson and Koby Murphy of Media Mobilizing Project; Jessica Guerrero and Imelda Morales of Esperanza; DeAnne Cuellar and Patricia Castillo of Texas MEP; Eloise Rose Lee and Kat Evasco of Media Alliance; Karen Toering and Rahwa Habte of Reclaim the Media; Malkia Cyril, Amalia Deloney, and Rose Turman of Center for Media Justice; Alex Chasick and Joel Kelsey of Consumers Union; Parul Desai of Media Access Project; Joe Torres of Free Press; and Beth McConnell and Chance Williams of Media and Democracy Coalition.

With respect to broadband accessibility, the Participants, representing communities of color and low-income communities, noted that the Internet is increasingly part of everyone's daily lives and has become a tool to build strong and healthy communities, increase connections, and provide a means for representation. To ensure that the benefits of broadband and the Internet reach all communities, the Participants stated that defining broadband as a universal service is central to ensuring that all communities can access and afford the Internet to take advantage of its economic, social, and political benefits.

With respect to an open Internet, the Participants noted that open networks, non-discrimination, and freedom of expression are fundamental principles of Internet access. Thus, network neutrality is critical to ensuring these principles and that every idea expressed on the Internet gets a fair chance.

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The Participants also provided English and Spanish versions of a document entitled “Network Neutrality, Universal Broadband, and Racial Justice,” which is being filed concurrently with this ex parte.

Pursuant to Section 1.1206(b), 47 C.F.R. §1.1206(b) of the Commission’s rules, this letter, with attachments, is being filed electronically with your office today.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Parul P. Desai".

Parul P. Desai

cc: Commissioner Michael J. Copps
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Rick Kaplan
Jennifer Schneider
Priya Aiyar
Zachary Katz